



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor Maso and Frisco City Council
THROUGH: George Purefoy, City Manager
CC: Ron Patterson, Assistance City Manager
FROM: Todd Renshaw, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Expansion of Property Room Donations to Frisco Family Services
Date: January 26, 2010

In December of 2009, I set a goal of significantly reducing the Property Room Warehouse inventory of items from disposed cases, out-of-statute cases, and unclaimed property. Our Officers and Detectives often seize and acquire clothing, household items, sports equipment, electronics, and personal items which in many cases are new, unused or slightly used. Many of these items are the result of burglaries, shoplifting, search warrants or abandoned property and sometimes involve the discovery and seizure of large quantities of items from homes, garages, vehicles, and rental spaces. Although efforts are made to identify the source of this property, often we are unable to locate the owners or the owners fail to respond when notified by letter to claim their property. These items take up needed space in our Property Warehouse and at the end of the investigation, need to be disposed of lawfully.

While researching items to be purged, we discovered there are many items which are still serviceable and could be converted to private use. In lieu of destroying valuable property, it is recommended that these items be donated to Frisco Family Services to distribute to needy families or for resale through Frisco Resale. Currently, by City Resolution in July 2004, the Department is only authorized to donate unclaimed bicycles with a value under \$500.00.

It is the Department's position that the recycling or resale of usable clothing, household goods, bicycles, electronics, and sporting goods, would further benefit the Frisco Family Services community programs and our citizens. Therefore, I would like to ask the City Council to allow us to increase the types of items we are allowed to donate to Frisco Family Services.

Staff recommendation is to approve the attached resolution.

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